A Great Loss
On Tuesday, August 12, 2014, Elizabeth Earls passed away after a battle with cancer. Liz was with us for much too short a time. She joined our department in the summer of 2012 as Assistant Director for Rehabilitative Services. She brought to the position a wealth of knowledge about the intersection between criminal justice and human services as well as tremendous personal strengths: a talent for listening, passion for the work, an understanding of complicated bureaucracies, a quiet confidence, the ability to build bridges and wonderful interpersonal skills. Liz was very proud of the dedication and contributions of her staff in the Division of Rehabilitative Services and was a powerful advocate for the issues that mattered to them. She commanded authority in the best way, with sensitivity, respect, a ready laugh and sense of humor that were evidence of her ability to maintain perspective even in difficult times. We are truly a better agency for her presence among us. A food drive and Dress Down Day were held in her remembrance with 657 pounds of food and $1520 dollars donated to the Rhode Island Food Bank.

COSAR Conducts Safety Training for Visually Impaired Children
On Wednesday, July 30, 2014, the Correctional Officer Search and Rescue (COSAR) team conducted safety training for visually impaired children. Three certified orientation and mobility specialists brought children from Camp Insight, a non-profit summer camp for children with a visual impairment or total vision loss, to City Park in Warwick for this important lesson. Some of the things COSAR taught the children were: how to stay safe, what types of things they should do to help others find them, and basic first aid. They also learned some techniques on how to look for a friend without getting lost themselves.

Promotions
A promotion ceremony was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014, for RIDOC employees who were recently promoted to either Lieutenant, Captain or SIU Investigator. Those promoted were SIU Investigator Paul Bibeault, Lt. Daniel Carnevale, Lt. Kevin Collard, Lt. Robert Coutinho, Lt. Russell Freeman, Lt. Debra Gilbert, Captain James Hollis, SIU Investigator Dave Perry, Lt. Mario Sousa, and Lt. Francis Thibert. They were joined by their family and coworkers for the pinning ceremony. Congratulations to each and every one of you! See pictures on next page!
“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

John Quincy Adams

Susan M. Hunter Correctional Scholarship Recipient
The Susan M. Hunter Correctional Scholarship, a scholarship that is awarded to the son or daughter of any employee who is or was an employee of a corrections agency that is a member of the Association of State Correctional Administrators, was recently awarded to Taylor Campbell, the daughter of RIDOC Probation and Parole Officer Mary-Anne Campbell. Taylor, a nursing major, is entering her senior year at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. this fall.

Pictured Above: Director Wall and Kevin Dunphy at Mr. Dunphy’s retirement party. Mr. Dunphy served as Deputy Compact Administrator in Adult Probation and Parole for twelve years before retiring earlier this year. He returned to the RIDOC on July 1st to celebrate his retirement with his friends, family and coworkers.